Case 2:12-cv-07240-SJO-FMO Document 1 Filed 08/23/12 Page 1 of 9 Page ID #:3 FILED Amir J. Goldstein, Esq. (CA Bar No. 255620) 1 Attorney for Plaintiff 2012 AUG 23 AM 10: 45 5455 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1812 Los Angeles, CA 90036 Tel 323.937.0400 Fax 866.288.9194 4 aig@consumercounselgroup.com 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 CV12-07240-STO(FMOX) BRUCE PERRY, 11 Plaintiff, 12 13 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES 14 CREDIGY RECEIVABLES, INC. and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, 15 16 Defendants. 17 18 Plaintiff, by and through his attorney, Amir J. Goldstein, Esq., as and for his complaint 19 against the Defendant CREDIGY RECEIVABLES, INC. alleges as follows: 20 21 INTRODUCTION 22 This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA") 23 and the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, California Civil Code § 1788, et 24 seq. ("Rosenthal Act") which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, 25 26 deceptive and unfair practices. 27 28 Complaint for Damages

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PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Roseville, California.
- Upon information and belief, CREDIGY RECEIVABLES, INC. is a debt collector as defined pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692a (6) with its principal place of business in Norcross, Georgia.

JURISDICTION

4. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k (FDCPA) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 et seq., as the Defendant conducts business, the nature of which subjects the corporation to jurisdiction in this district.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 4 as if fully restated herein.
- 6. That a personal debt was allegedly incurred by the Plaintiff to one "Fleet Bank".
- That at a time unknown to Plaintiff herein, the aforementioned debt was referred, sold and/or assigned to Defendant for collection.
- 8. That at a time unknown to Plaintiff herein, a default judgment was taken against Plaintiff.
- 9. That the dates on said judgment are blotted out and illegible.
- 10. That Plaintiff disputed the alleged debt.
- 11. That upon information and belief, Defendant does not have prima facie evidence to support their claims yet harassed Plaintiff for payment of a disputed debt by means of abuse, harassment and coercion.
- 12. That Defendant placed a "bad debt" as if it was a valid judgment.
- 13. That Defendant, in an effort to compel consumers into payments, systematically circulates an "old" or "bad judgment" for collection with one or more agencies purporting that the judgment is valid.

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- 14. That notwithstanding Defendant's lack of evidence to support claims against Plaintiff for the alleged debt, Defendant subsequently assigned Plaintiff's account to one First National Collection Bureau, Inc. for collection.
- 15. That Defendant caused several phone calls regarding alleged debt to be made to Plaintiff.
- 16. That Defendant's conduct caused an unnecessary urgency in attempt to coerce the Plaintiff to pay the alleged debt.
- 17. That Defendant persisted with abusive and harassing conduct against Plaintiff in an effort to collect payment on disputed debt by means of duress and coercion.
- 18. That Defendant, in an attempt to collect on debts, unlawfully engaged in a pattern of conduct in which Defendant systematically filed frivolous lawsuits against debtors in order to obtain default judgments.
- 19. That Defendant, in an attempt to collect a debt, engages in a pattern or practice of communicating with consumers where the representations made by the Defendant are harassing, confusing, misleading, deceptive and/or unfair.
- 20. That Defendant's conduct violates 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq., including but not limited to the following subsections, in that the representations made by the Defendant are harassing, confusing, misleading, deceptive and unfair:
  - a. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692d by abusing and harassing the Plaintiff;
  - Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e by using false representations and deceptive means to collect the alleged debt and obtain information concerning Plaintiff;
- 21. That following Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff suffered actual damages, including, but not limited to: embarrassment, stress, anxiety, and aggravation.
- 22. That as per 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. and as a result of the above violations, the Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for actual and statutory damages in an amount to be determined at the time of trial but not less that \$1,000.00 per violation, plus costs and attorney's fees.

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### AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

23. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 as if fully restated herein.

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- 24. The Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Rosenthal Act), California Civil Code § 1788, et seq., prohibits unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the collection of consumer debts.
- 25. By its acts and practices as hereinabove described, the Defendant has violated the Rosenthal Act as follows, without limitation: By causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously to annoy the person called and by communicating, by telephone or in person, with the debtor with such frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute an harassment to the debtor under the circumstances, Defendant has violated §§ 1788.11(d) & (e);
- 26. Pursuant to § 1788.30 of the Rosenthal Act, Plaintiff is entitled to recover his actual damages sustained as a result of the Defendant' violations of the Rosenthal Act. Such damages include, without limitation, statutory damages, any actual damages sustained, other resulting monetary losses and damages, and emotional distress suffered by Plaintiff, which damages are in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 27. In addition, because the Defendant's violations of the Rosenthal Act were committed willingly and knowingly, Plaintiff is entitled to recover, in addition to his actual damages, penalties of at least \$1,000 per violation as provided for in the Act.
- Pursuant to § 1788.30(c) Rosenthal Act, Plaintiff is entitled to recover all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred in the bringing of this action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against Defendant in the amount of:

- (a) Statutory damages and actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k in an amount to be determined at the time of trial on the first cause of action.
- (b) Statutory damages and actual damages pursuant to Civil Code §1788.30 et seq., as to the second cause of action.

- (d) Costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and CA Civil Code §1788.30, et seq.
  - (e) For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.
  - (f) Plaintiff requests trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: August 22, 2012

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge S. James Otero and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Fernando M. Olguin.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

#### NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

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